



**Transportation  
Security  
Administration**

October 18, 2004

Captain Ronald B. Levy  
Chair, Flight Education Committee  
University Aviation Association  
Room 1111, Tanner/Airway Science Center  
University of Maryland Eastern Shore  
Princess Anne, MD

Dear Captain Levy:

This is in response to your letter of October 13, 2004, in which you request confirmation that flight students who are enrolled in flight training on aircraft with a maximum certificated takeoff weight (MTOW) of 12,500 pounds or less prior to October 20, 2004, are not subject to the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) regulation governing flight training (49 CFR part 1552).

The regulation's requirements for flight training on aircraft with an MTOW of 12,500 pounds or less do not take effect until October 20, 2004. Flight students who are enrolled in such flight training prior to October 20, 2004, are not subject to the regulation.

I hope this information is helpful. If you have any additional questions regarding this regulation, please contact Mr. Dion Casey, Attorney-Adviser, Office of Chief Counsel, at (571) 227-2663.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M. Thompson", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mardi Thompson  
Deputy Chief Counsel for Regulations